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PATENT APPLICATION

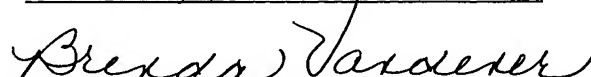
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 1, 2005, Applicants respond as follows:

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